

The Autism Outreach Service was formally launched in September 2004 to offer support to schools, pupils and families within the Dudley MBC.

There are currently 6 Teachers, 4 Teaching Assistants and a Family Adviser who work on a peripatetic basis across the borough.



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Dudley's Local Offer:

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# Autism Outreach Service

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Dudley Disability Service

People Directorate

## SUPPORT FOR PUPILS

The Autism Outreach Service supports pupils with a diagnosis of autism, Asperger's syndrome or Autism Spectrum Disorder in mainstream schools.

The service offers the following support:

- Visual timetables
- In-class support
- Visual reminders / cues
- Work systems
- Social skill groups
- One-to-one targeted teaching sessions
- Re-integration into mainstream school
- Transition support to primary and secondary school as well as college

## SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

The Service offers support to parents of pupils who have been referred to us through

- Home visits
- Visual timetables / check lists / reminders / Social stories
- Homework strategies
- Information on sensory issues
- Workshops run for parents and other family members
- Advice and resources to support difficulties exhibited in the home
- Understanding the autism spectrum work with siblings

## SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS

The Service offers support to mainstream primary and secondary schools in Dudley. This support may involve:

- Monitoring
- Assessment
- Training for staff
- Observations
- Peer group awareness
- Transition
- Reviews
- Advice for statutory assessment
- Production of individualised resources
- Planning individualised work
- Differentiation of curriculum
- Modelling good practice

*Special schools are offered 1.5 days of Specialist Teacher time per term in a general advisory capacity.*

Part of the Service remit is to keep up to date with current research and initiatives in relation to the autism spectrum. It is hoped that schools will benefit from this knowledge.

## SUPPORT FOR COLLEGES

Dudley Autism Outreach Service has a Service Level Agreement with all Dudley Colleges. Support, training and advice are available at the request of the college.

## REFERRALS

We accept referrals from:

- Parents
- Schools
- CAMHS
- Health professionals
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Educational Psychologists
- SENDIASS
- Other LEA support services

All referrals must be on an official form and accompanied by parental consent and written confirmation of diagnosis.

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